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Referred to Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding

Introduced by:
(FIN)

AN ACT PERMITTING A REGIONAL SALES TAX.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2010*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "regional planning organization" or "organization" has the same
3 meaning as provided in section 4-124i of the general statutes, and
4 "sale" has the same meaning as provided in section 12-407 of the
5 general statutes.

6 (b) (1) Any regional planning organization may, upon approval by
7 its governing body, establish a tax upon any retailer located within
8 such organization's region. The governing body shall establish which
9 sales shall be subject to such tax, the rate of tax and the method of
10 apportionment of the proceeds of such tax to the region or to the
11 municipalities that comprise the organization.

12 (2) The regional planning organization shall conduct an annual
13 review of any tax imposed pursuant to this section, commencing one
14 year after the date of its original imposition. Such organization's
15 governing body shall thereafter amend or approve such tax in the
16 same manner as provided in subdivision (1) of this subsection. If a tax

17 is not so amended or approved, it shall expire at the end of the current
18 calendar quarter or thirty days after the annual review required
19 pursuant to this subdivision, whichever is later.

20 (c) Any regional sales tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be
21 in addition to any state tax imposed on the same activity.

22 (d) (1) Any sales tax imposed by an organization under the
23 provisions of this section shall be collected and administered by the
24 Department of Revenue Services, in the same manner as such taxes are
25 currently paid, and in accordance with the laws governing such taxes.
26 The department shall segregate the amount paid that is attributable to
27 any regional sales tax and, commencing on the first day of the calendar
28 quarter next succeeding the institution of such regional sales tax, remit
29 to the organization such amount. Thereafter, the department shall
30 remit quarterly to the organization any amounts received attributable
31 to a regional sales tax.

32 (2) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2011, and June 30, 2012, the
33 department may deduct from the amounts received attributable to a
34 regional sales tax any costs directly associated with the administration
35 and collection of such tax by the department.

36 (e) A regional planning organization may use the revenue generated
37 by the tax enacted under the provisions of this section for capital
38 expenditures, distribution to municipalities or any regular or special
39 purpose as provided in the budget enacted each year by the
40 organization.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2010	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow regional planning organizations to impose a sales tax as a source of revenue.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]